

Dye saves game against Czechs

SPOKANE, Wash. (CP) — Wayne Dye's goal midway through the third period earned Spokane Jets of the Western International Hockey League a 2-2 tie with Czechoslovakia Nationals Saturday night in an exhibition game before 4,010 fans.

Spokane led 1-0 at the end of the first period on a goal by Gail Holden, but Czechoslovakia scored two second-period powerplay goals to go ahead before Dye deadlocked the score at 11:15 of the final period.

Spokane used three goaltenders in the game, anchored by veteran Dave Cox, who made 13 saves in the first period before giving way to Ray McLeod in the second period, and Seth Martin in the final period.

The Spokane goaltending trio made 31 saves, while nationals goalie Pavel Svitano stopped 38 shots.



WAYNE DYE
... scores

Santa visits Jr. game



SANTA'S HELPERS

Dave Caldwell and Charlie Briskham and the other team members of the Vikings joined Santa in giving away boxes of oranges to the many fans at the Saturday night game.

Sports

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MRS. ETHEL DENISON HONORED

One of hockey's most avid fans, Mrs. Ethel Denison, a long-time resident of Vernon, was given special recognition by the Viking players and directors during last Saturday's BCJHL game featuring the Vikings and

Nanaimo Clippers when she was given a small gift of appreciation. Team captain Lyle Brewer and coach Vernon Dye made the presentation between the first and second periods of the game.

NOHL will play again Wednesday

In North Okanagan hockey league play Sunday, Head of the Lake Stampeders kept to their winning ways with a come from behind 6-4 win over Armstrong Cougars and Winfield Raiders regained some prestige by getting back two points lost to them last Wednesday as they topped Westside Totems 5-4.

Totems had taken a big 8-2 victory away from the Raiders at Armstrong last Wednesday but Sunday night when the two teams met once more, it was the Raiders taking the two points which vaulted them into second place, one point ahead of Vernon Merchants and three back of the Stampeders.

Fans are in for a big treat Boxing Day as the NOHL take to the ice at civic arena for two regular fixtures beginning at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.

These games are sure to suit the holiday hockey fans with some excellent style of playing and rivalry.

Stampeders have six wins, one loss and one tie for 13 points. Next comes Winfield with nine games played for five wins and four losses.

Now relegated to third place is Vernon Merchants who watched on the sidelines Sunday night. They have a four win, three loss and one tie record for nine points with Armstrong in fourth place with three wins and four losses for six points.

Tigers do Kings in

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

If the old adage about a tie game away being as good as a victory on home ice is true, the Tigers fared well during the weekend, beating Edmonton Oil Kings 5-2 Saturday in a Western Canada Hockey League game in Medicine Hat and tying them 5-5 Sunday in Edmonton.

In other WCHL action Sunday New Westminster Bruins thrashed Victoria Cougars 7-1 and Brandon Wheat Kings defeated Winnipeg Clubs 6-2.

In the other Saturday game, Swift Current Broncos defence Victoria 5-3.

The Tigers almost had the game in Edmonton but a goal by Terry McDonald at 17:43 of the third tied it up. Harold Snepstis, Mike Will, Wayne Perkins and Rocky Maze also scored for Edmonton.

Barry Dean, Ryan Wecker, Brad Gassoff, Craig Vaydik and Ed Johnstone counted for Medicine Hat.

Morris Lukowich, Wecker, Johnstone, Gord Vaughn and Gassoff scored for Medicine Hat Saturday as did Will and Terry McDonald for the Oil Kings.

LEAD THE BRUINS

Ron Greschner led the Bruins to victory Sunday in New Westminster with three goals while Murray Beck, Bryan Andersen, Syd Prysunka and Reggie Duncombe rounded out the scoring.

WHA standings

| East Division | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|----|
| W | L | T | F | A | P | |
| New Eng. | 19 | 12 | 1 | 118 | 100 | 39 |
| Toronto | 17 | 18 | 3 | 137 | 126 | 37 |
| Cleveland | 16 | 12 | 4 | 102 | 100 | 36 |
| Quebec | 16 | 16 | 3 | 129 | 116 | 35 |
| Chicago | 14 | 14 | 2 | 101 | 105 | 30 |
| New Jersey | 13 | 19 | 2 | 88 | 120 | 28 |
| West Division | | | | | | |
| W | L | T | F | A | P | |
| Edmonton | 19 | 14 | 0 | 113 | 103 | 38 |
| Houston | 17 | 11 | 4 | 126 | 95 | 38 |
| Minnesota | 18 | 15 | 1 | 123 | 112 | 37 |
| Winnipeg | 15 | 17 | 4 | 118 | 125 | 34 |
| Vancouver | 13 | 20 | 0 | 109 | 130 | 26 |
| Los Angeles | 13 | 22 | 0 | 105 | 137 | 26 |
| Results Sunday | | | | | | |
| Cleveland 4 | Minnesota 2 | Chicago 6 | Toronto 5 | New Jersey 6 | Winnipeg 3 | |
| Results Saturday | | | | | | |
| Houston 8 | Los Angeles 3 | Toronto 6 | Quebec 4 | Winnipeg 2 | New England 0 | |
| Cleveland 2 | Minnesota 1 | Vancouver 6 | Edmonton 3 | Game Tonight | Vancouver at New England | |

WHA leaders

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Veteran Gordie Howe, who had four goals and an assist Saturday night, made the biggest move in the World Hockey Association scoring race during the weekend.

Howe, member of Houston Aeros, climbed to fourth from eighth and now has 11 goals and 31 assists for 42 points, 11 behind leading Wayne Carleton of Toronto Toros.

| Player | G | A | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Carleton, T | 21 | 32 | 53 |
| Harrison, E | 17 | 33 | 50 |
| M. Walton, M | 16 | 27 | 43 |
| G. Howe, G | 11 | 31 | 42 |
| Morrison, M | 17 | 24 | 41 |
| Hughes, H | 24 | 15 | 39 |
| Lawson, V | 20 | 19 | 39 |
| Lund, H | 11 | 28 | 39 |
| Connelly, M | 20 | 18 | 38 |
| Climie, E | 19 | 18 | 37 |
| Bernier, Q | 14 | 23 | 37 |

Vikings win but... Still three points back

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bellingham Blazers had a good weekend, beating Merritt Centennials 5-2 Sunday and 4-1 Saturday in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action.

Kelowna Buckaroos thrashed Nanaimo Clippers 7-2 Sunday in Kelowna. In other Saturday games Vernon Vikings picked up their 23rd win of the season with a 7-5 victory over Nanaimo and Chilliwack Bruins dumped Langley Lords 6-2.

In Kelowna, the Buckaroos were led by two-goal shows by Archie McKinnon and Dale Turner. Other Kelowna goals were notched by Curt Fraser, Randy Naito and Barry Berezowski. Nanaimo's goals were scored by Gord Dumont and Bruce Van Camp.

In Bellingham Sunday Wayne Jeske scored three goals for the Blazers and Innes Mackie and

NHL standings

| East Division | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| W | L | T | F | A | P | |
| Boston | 23 | 5 | 3 | 146 | 85 | 49 |
| Montreal | 19 | 7 | 6 | 110 | 79 | 44 |
| NY Rangers | 15 | 10 | 9 | 125 | 102 | 39 |
| Toronto | 15 | 13 | 6 | 116 | 98 | 36 |
| Buffalo | 15 | 14 | 4 | 107 | 108 | 34 |
| Detroit | 13 | 17 | 3 | 105 | 139 | 29 |
| NY Islanders | 6 | 16 | 10 | 75 | 100 | 22 |
| Vancouver | 7 | 18 | 6 | 79 | 118 | 20 |
| West Division | | | | | | |
| W | L | T | F | A | P | |
| Phila. | 19 | 7 | 4 | 94 | 51 | 42 |
| Chicago | 15 | 6 | 10 | 105 | 60 | 40 |
| St. Louis | 14 | 11 | 6 | 86 | 78 | 34 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 13 | 6 | 80 | 87 | 34 |
| Minnesota | 9 | 15 | 8 | 91 | 108 | 26 |
| Los Ang. | 10 | 17 | 5 | 88 | 106 | 25 |
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 19 | 4 | 83 | 119 | 22 |
| California | 7 | 22 | 4 | 75 | 127 | 18 |

Results Sunday

Atlanta 3 NY Rangers 1
Montreal 1 NY Islanders 1
Boston 4 Toronto 3
Buffalo 3 Pittsburgh 2
Chicago 6 Vancouver 2
Minnesota 2 California 2

Results Saturday

Montreal 7 Buffalo 1
Vancouver 6 Toronto 4
NY Rangers 4 Pittsburgh 1
NY Islanders 4 St. Louis 2
Detroit 4 Boston 2
Philadelphia 4 Chicago 2
Los Angeles 5 Minnesota 2

Games Wednesday

Montreal at Toronto
Philadelphia at NY Rangers
NY Islanders at Minnesota
Pittsburgh at Detroit
California at Vancouver
Los Angeles at Chicago

NHL leaders

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Centre Phil Esposito of Boston Bruins was held to one assist in two weekend games, but still holds a 17-point lead over team-mate Bobby Orr.

Esposito has 35 goals and 36 assists for 71 points, while Orr has 17 goals and 37 assists.

| Player | G | A | P |
|------------------|----|----|----|
| Esposito, B | 35 | 36 | 71 |
| Orr, B | 17 | 37 | 54 |
| Hodge, B | 24 | 26 | 50 |
| Goldsworthy, Min | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| Martin, Buf | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| Gilbert, R | 17 | 22 | 39 |
| Ullman, T | 15 | 23 | 38 |
| Lemaire, M | 13 | 24 | 37 |
| Hexfall, Min | 7 | 30 | 37 |
| Cashman, B | 10 | 25 | 35 |

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DIGGING DEEP

Santa dug down real deep in his toy bag searching for the right present to give young lucky ticket holders at the Vernon-Nanaimo junior game Saturday.



LUCKY LITTLE LADY

Both boys and girls came in for special treats as Santa put in an appearance at the BCJHL game at Vernon Saturday night. Above photo shows Santa giving away a gift to a little girl.



LUCKY LITTLE BOY

It looked to be a good size present, but the little boy didn't mind hanging on to it with both hands after it was given to him by Santa during his visit to the junior hockey game Saturday night.



WAVING GOODBYE

Santa Claus waves a big goodbye to the children at the arena after he dropped in on a Junior hockey game Saturday night. He was a most welcome guest, giving out lots of presents to lucky ticket holders.